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LIBRARY NEWS

The George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology Turns Ten

The Douglas and Judith Krupp library is celebrating its tenth year in the sleek modern building we know as the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology. This structure was heralded in 2002 for its innovative design integrating traditional library functionality with current trends in information technology. In the past ten years, the library has welcomed nearly 4 million visitors. Comments on the building's timeless aesthetics are still heard from library users.

About our past decade ... Since 2012 the Bryant community has checked out over 150,000 Bryant owned books and over 32,000 books from HELIN member libraries. In turn, during this same period, Krupp library shared 45,000 items with faculty and students throughout Rhode Island and beyond. Amazingly, Bryant librarians have instructed almost 27,000 students in information literacy and have answered more than 100,000 research queries!

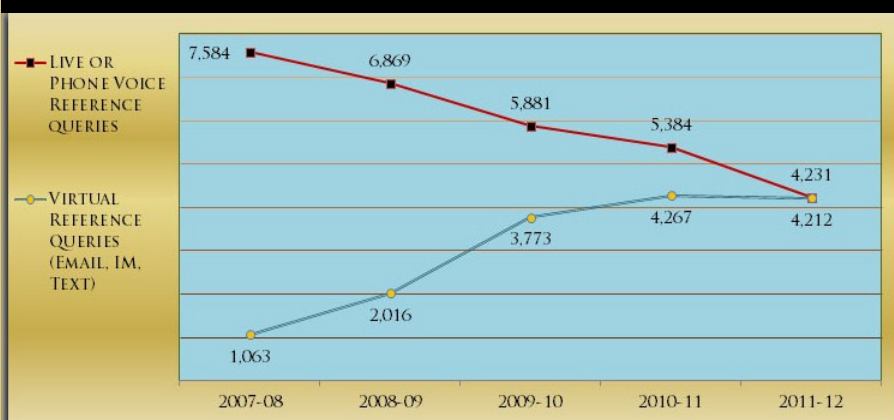
Back in 2002 we subscribed to approximately 30 databases. In 2012 we are pushing out nearly 100 database subscriptions - with thousands of articles downloaded each year.

Inspired by their environment, Bryant Librarians and staff are innovators in their field; the first to loan laptops, Kindles, iPads, and offer reference services through text and chat.



The library's former digs, "The Edith M. Hodgson Memorial Library"

2007-2012 Dramatic changes in the way our visitors seek reference assistance



Access Services

New Technology Available at the Circulation Desk!

In addition to the iPad2s and Amazon Kindle e-readers that we have been circulating, we are now providing greater access to some familiar items such as:

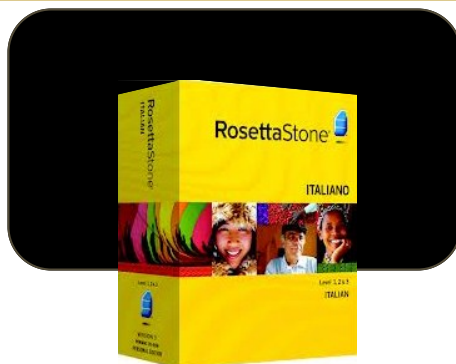
Student Laptops

We have had laptops to check out for student use in the library for several years now, but this semester there's a big change to our policy: now laptops can actually ***leave the building!*** Working on a project and your laptop is on fritz, or maybe you don't have one at all? One week loan period with a 7-day renewal!

Circulating Student Laptops: can now leave the building!

Rosetta Stone Laptops

There's no better time to learn a language, now that we have 7 laptops loaded with Rosetta Stone language software to help you. They come complete with headphones. Bryant students, faculty and staff can check these out for up to 4 weeks with a renewal of 2 additional weeks.



- French
- Spanish
- Italian
- Gaelic
- Russian
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Japanese

Kindle Fires

Kindle Fires - Besides the regular Amazon Kindle e-readers, we now also have Kindle Fire tablets available to lend to Bryant students, faculty, and staff.

These Android-powered tablets can hook up to your Amazon account, allowing you to purchase ebooks and magazines (and download any previous purchases), as well as download a variety of apps. (Comixology looks great on this!) These can be checked out for a week and renewed for an additional week.

Lenovo ThinkPad Slates

These tablets are also Android driven, and come with a detachable USB keyboard/case and stylus making them sort of a hybrid laptop/iPad. Check out the note taking feature which allows you to write and save your notes in your natural hand, and can automatically convert your notes to a handwritten type font.

Bryant students, faculty and staff can check these out for one week, (and renew them for an additional week.) Download Apps through Google Play and really take it for a spin!



We still have headphones, calculators, external hard drives, Ethernet cables, monitor cables, and **student laptop chargers** available to all library users, for use in the building for two hours .



Reference Services

Ernest E. Stempel Foundation Funds New Enhanced Databases

Through the generosity of the Ernest E. Stempel Foundation, we have been able to significantly expand access to electronic and print resources for students and faculty. The Foundation helped fund the acquisition and enhancement of the following databases:



Our enhanced access to the Mergent family of databases now includes the brand new:

Mergent Economic Database

This database is part of Mergent Online and consists of 550 economic variables and covers 70 years of history for numerous data series.

<http://0-www.mergentonline.com.helin.uri.edu/economicssearch.php>

Mergent First Search Research

This database, also within Mergent Online, provides quarterly updates on over 900 different industries in the US and Canada. This service provides a very granular look at industry information on a number of hard to find industries.

<http://0-www.mergentonline.com.helin.uri.edu/>

Million Dollar Database (MDDI)

Also added to Mergent Online, this directory provides information on both privately held and public companies.

<http://0-www.mergentmddi.com.helin.uri.edu>

Mergent Key Bus. Ratios (KBR)

Mergent Key Business Ratios Online provides online access to current competitive benchmarking data. This resource lets researchers examine industry benchmarks compiled from D&B®'s database of public and private companies, featuring 14 key business ratios for public and private companies in 800 lines of business.

<http://0-www.mergentkbr.com.helin.uri.edu/>

Mergent Archives for KBR

Historical key business ratios are available from 1979-2010 in the Mergent Archives Database.

<http://0-www.mergentarchives.com.helin.uri.edu/search.php>

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Judith Krupp Library
Salutes the
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JSTOR

JSTOR Biological Sciences Collection

This collection covers ecology, evolutionary biology, plant science, animal science, paleontology, and conservation.

JSTOR Arts & Sciences IV

This database collection focuses on journals in business, education and law, and also includes titles in psychology and public policy and administration.



<http://0-www.jstor.org.helin.uri.edu/>

JSTOR Arts & Sciences V

This database includes literary reviews, state historical journals, journals in the arts, humanities, classics, religion, art history, and languages.

<http://0-www.jstor.org.helin.uri.edu/>

Artstor



ARTstor is a digital library of more than one million images in the areas of art, architecture, the humanities and social sciences with a set of tools to view, present and manage images for teaching and research.

CQ Global Researcher

CQ Global Researcher This database explores international perspectives of current and historical issues in politics, economics, social issues and more.



<http://0-library.cqpress.com.helin.uri.edu/globalresearcher/index.php>

E-Portfolio Assistance

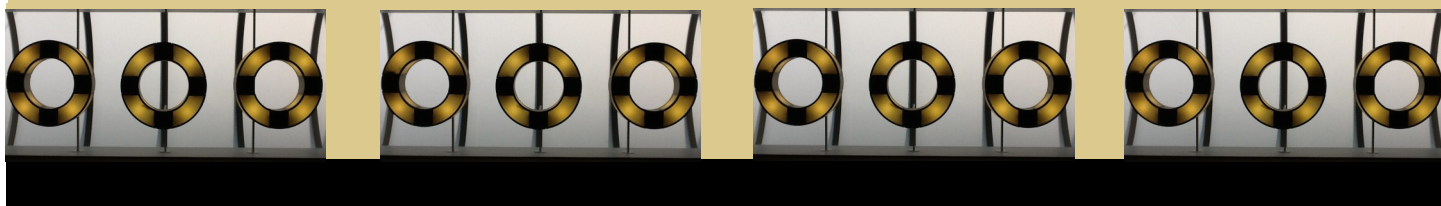
Part of the new First-Year Gateway curriculum is focused on assessment of student learning across courses. Skills such as critical thinking, ethical reasoning and information literacy will be reflected upon by students via an e-portfolio or electronic portfolio of their work.

The e-portfolio lives in Blackboard, which makes things particularly streamlined -

but for those students who may need assistance setting up their e-portfolio, librarian Laura Kohl can help.

Laura has held trainings on the e-portfolio system and can help you, too!

Contact Laura at the reference desk or email her at lkohl@bryant.edu to make an appointment.



Virtual Library Tour



New this semester, students in

Writing 106 will be introduced to library services and features through an online **Virtual Tour**. But why let them have all the fun? This interactive video will show you how to find authoritative articles, reach a librarian for research help, get a study room, request reserve materials, locate some recreational reading titles, and much more!

Virtual Library

- How can I locate a copy of this journal article?
- Can I borrow dry erase board supplies?
- Where can I get a set of headphones?
- Do we have any recreational reading books?
- HELPPPPPPPPPPPPPPPP!!!

HURRY!!! Don't be the last one to take the VIRTUAL TOUR at:

<http://mlibrary.bryant.edu/Krupp/story.html>

Celebrate INFORMATION LITERACY MONTH with us!

It's official! October 2012 has been declared **INFORMATION LITERACY MONTH** in Rhode Island. Governor Lincoln D. Chafee signed a proclamation in September allowing Rhode Island to join fifteen other states currently on board for the National Forum on Information Literacy's (NFIL) 2012 Information Literacy campaign.

According to NFIL, Information Literacy Awareness Month is "about empowering every citizen in our nation and around the world with the 21st century skill set to achieve educational, professional, and personal success." Libraries play an important role in guiding people to become more information literate. In all library settings, patron encounters are chock full of teachable

moments, giving librarians the chance to help people develop skills to be savvy consumers and users of information.

Through this proclamation, Rhode Island recognizes

what President Obama designated in 2009 as skills that every American must gain in order to be engaged and informed participants in the digital age. We support this initiative and believe it can benefit our state. Way to go RI!

We hope you will promote Information Literacy Awareness Month with us this October!



State of Rhode Island Gubernatorial Proclamation

October 2012 Information Literacy Month

Whereas, Information literacy provides the tools and skills to find, evaluate, and use credible information from all sources in our constantly evolving information-rich world; and,

Whereas, The ability to search, find, decipher, and analyze different forms of information is a key component in effective decision making across all fields of work and walks of life, and enhances one's ability to obtain highly skilled jobs and compete in the global economy; and,

Whereas, Individuals adept at utilizing information resources available are able to share, participate and compete as informed citizens and life-long learners in the worldwide community; and,

Whereas, Information literacy is a crucial part of education and individuals should be exposed to literacies, analytics, and research practices that will better prepare them for changing technologies and the complex information world; and,

Whereas, Using information acquired through technology to understand human, cultural, and societal issues promotes an informed and engaged citizenry; and,

Whereas, through public awareness, the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations seeks to remind citizens, employers, government agencies, and institutions of the importance of information literacy for economic prosperity, social cohesion, educational opportunity and enhanced quality of life;

Now, therefore, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim October 1-31, 2012 as Information Literacy Month in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this month.



Access Services maintains a Lost & Found box...can't hurt to ask, right?

New Staff Member: Annette Feldman

“Annie” joined the library staff this summer as a new part-time Public Services Librarian. You’ll see her on the Access Services Desk weekdays and the Reference Desk Saturdays and alternate Friday evenings. She brings an eclectic range of library experience to Bryant; having worked with libraries in NY, CA and RI and in public, special, medical, legal, academic and private settings. She holds a BA from URI and an MLS from Syracuse University. When asked why Bryant? She says she enjoys the activity and energy of a university setting and loves this small, intimate and beautiful campus filled with friendly, helpful people, that and the fountain...



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When Librarians Party...

While the library is an institutional leader in adapting technological innovations, it must also maintain its core role as an archival repository and center for campus scholarship.

At the Library Staff’s end of summer gathering, Reference Assistant **Katherine Lickwar** translated from a 19th century manuscript in the library’s archival collection. The letter was written in a combination of Russian and French. Brava, Katherine!



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